

A S V M M A R I E A N D T R V E D I S C O V R S E

OF SIR FRANCES DRAKES
VVest Indian Voyage.

VVherein were taken, the Townes of
*Saint Iago, Sancto Domingo, Cartagena,
and Saint Augustine.*

With Geographickall Mappes exactly describing each of the
Tovvnes vvith their scituations, and the maner
of the Armies approching to the vvinning
of them: diligently made by

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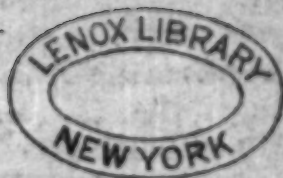
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TO THE RIGHT HO-
NORABLE ROBERT D'EVREUX, EARLE
OF ESSEX AND EVVE, VISCOUNT
of Hereford and Bouchier, Lord Ferrers of
Chartley, Bouchier, and Louaine, Mai-
ster of the Queenes Maiesties horse,
and knight of the most honora-
ble order of the Garter. T.C.
wvisheth increase of ho-
nour and happinesse.

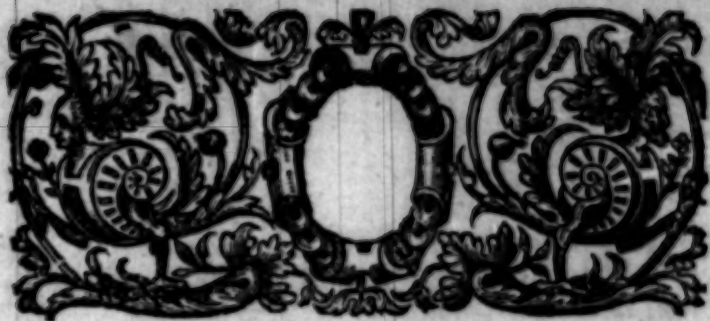


*Right Honorable, having by chaunce
recovered of late into my handes
(after I had once lost the same) a
copie of the Discourse of our late
West Indian Voyage, which was
begun by Captaine Bigges; who en-
ded his life in the said voyage after
our departure from Cartagena, the
same being afterwarde finished (as
I thinke) by his Lieutenant Maister Croftes, or some other,
I know not well who. Now finding therein a most true report
of the services and other matters which happened in the said
voyage, the sight whereof is wonderfully desired of manie
honest and well disposed persons. I haue presumed to recom-
mend the publishing thereof, unto your Lordships protection*

and fauour, for these two causes. The one, for that your Lordships honourable disposition is in the knowledge of all men that know your selfe, most thirstingly affected to embrace in your owne person, the brauest enterprises, if the time would once afford anie such fit occasion, as might be agreeable to her Maiesties resolution: who wisely (and long may she do it) gouerneth all thinges to the greatest aduantage of her selfe and people. The other, because my selfe hauing bene a member in the said actions, and was Lieutenant of Maister Carleills owne companie, whereby I can well assure the truth of this report: I thought it my bounden duetie, hauing professed my seruice to your Lordship before all men, to dedicate the same rather vnto your Lordship then vnto any other. And although it be now a yeare and a halfe sithence the voyage ended, whereby some man will say, that it is now no new matter: yet the present time considered, how doubtfull some of our meaner sort of people are of the Spanish preparations, I thinke this Discourse a verie fit thing to be published, that they may see what great victories a fewe English men haue made vpon great numbers of the Spaniards, euen at home in their owne Countries. The beholding whereof will much encourage those, who by fame and bare wordes are made to doubt much more then there is cause why they should. Vpon which point, as there may be much said: so my selfe being no Discourser, do desire to be held excused therein: and therefore doe onely commend the trueth of this report vnto your Lordship: which will be also auowed by diuers Captaines that were in the said voyage. And so in all humblenesse do take my leaue, readie to do your Lordship all faithfull seruice.

Your Lordships souldier
and humble seruant

THOMAS GATES.

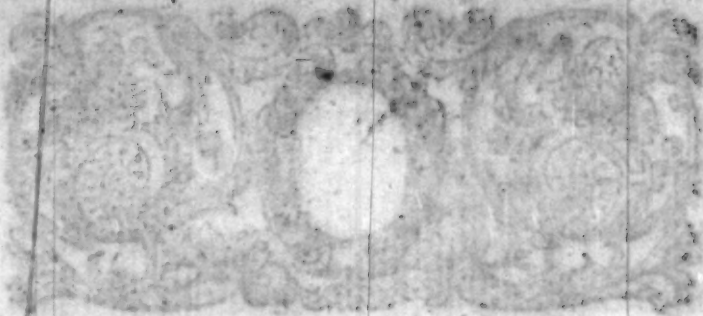


¶ The Reader must vnderstand, that this Discourse was dedicated, and intended to haue bene Imprinted somewhat before the comming of the Spanish Fleete vpon our coast of England: but by casualtie the same was forgotten and slackted for a time of some better leasure,

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of the *Mappes* in this Booke.**

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A SVMMARIE AND
TRVE DISCOVERSE OF SIR FRANCIS
DRAKES WEST INDIAN VOY-
AGE, WHEREIN WERE TAKEN

THE TOVVNES OF SAINT IAGO,

Santo Domingo, Cartagena,
and Saint Augustine.



HIS vvorthie Knight for the ser-
uice of his Prince and Countrie,
hauing prepared his vvhole fleete,
and gotten them downeto Plim-
mouth in Deuonshire, to the nuber
offiue and twentie saile of ships and
pinnaes, and hauing assembled of
Souldiours and Marriners to the
number of two thousand and three hundred in the vvhole,
embarqued them and himselfe ..
the twelfth day of September 1585. being accompanied vvith
these men of name and charge, vvwhich hereafter followe.

Maister Christopher Carleill Lieftenant Generall, a man of
long experience in the vvarre as vvell by sea as land, and
had formerly carried high offices in both kindes in many
fights, vvwhich he discharged alvvayes verie happilie, and
with great good reputation.

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 Anthonic Povvell Sergeant Maior.

Captaine Mathevv Morgan, and Captaine John Sampson,
 Corporals of the field.

These Officers had commaundement ouer the rest of the
 land Capitaines, vvwhose names hereafter follovv.

Captaine Anthony Plat.

Captaine Edvvard Winter.

Captaine Iohn Goring.

Captaine Robert Pevv.

Captaine George Barton.

Captaine Iohn Merchant.

Captaine William Cecill.

Captaine Walter Bigs.

Captaine Iohn Hannam.

Captaine Richard Stanton.

Captaine Martine Probusher Viceadmirall, a man of great ex-
 perience in sea faring actions, & had caried chiefe charge
 of many shippes himselfe, in sundry voyages before, be-
 ing novv shipped in the Primrose.

Captaine Francis Knollis, Rieradmirall in the Gallion Leice-
 ster.

Maister Thomas Venner Captaine in the Elizabeth Bonad-
 uentre vnder the Generall.

Maister Edvvard Winter Captaine in the Aide.

Maister Christopher Carleill the Lieftenant generall, Cap-
 taine in the Tygar.

Henry White Captaine of the sea Dragon.

Thomas Drake Captaine of the Thomas.

Thomras Seelie Captaine of the Minion.

Bailly Captaine of the Barke Talbot.

Robert Crosse Captaine of the Barke Bond.

George Fortescute Captaine of the Barke Bonner.

Edward Carelesse Captaine of the Hope.

James Erizo Captaine of the vvwhite Lion.

Thomas Moone Captaine of the Francis.

Iohn Riuers Captaine of the Vantage,

Iohn

- John Vaughan Captaine of the Drake.
- John Varney Captaine of the George,
- John Martin Captaine of the Benjamin,
- Edward Gilman Captaine of the Skout.
- Richard Haukins Captaine of the Galliot called the Ducke.
- Bitfield Captaine of the Syvallowe.

After our going hence, which vvas the fourteenth of September, in the yeare of our Lord, one thousand fiue hundred eightie and fiue : & taking our course towards Spaine, vve had the winde for a fewe daies somevvhat skant, and sometimes calme. And being arrived neere that part of the coast of Spaine, vvich is called the Moores, vvee happened to espie diuerse Sailes, vvich kept their course close by the shore, the vveather being faire and calme. The Generall caused the Vizeadmirall to goe vvith the Pinnaces vvell manned to see vvhat they vv ere, vvho vpon sight of the said Pinnaces approching neere vnto them, abandoned for the most part all their shippes (being Frenchmen) laden all vvith salt, and bound homewardest into France, amongst vvich shippes (being all of small burthen) there was one so vvell liked, vvich also had no man in her, as being brought vnto the Generall, he thought good to make stay of her for the seruice, meaning to pay for her, as also accordingly performed at our returne: vvich Barke vvas called the Drake. The rest of these shippes (being eight or nine) vv ere dismissed vvithout any thing at all taken from them. Who beeing aftervvardes put somevvhat further off from the shore, by the contrarietic of the vv inde, vve happened to meete vvith some other French shippes, full laden vvith Newland fish, beeing vpon their returne homewarde from the saide New found land: vvhom the Generall after some speech had vvith them, (and seeing plainely that they vv ere Frenchmen) dismissed vvithout once suffering any man to goe aboard of them.

The day followving standing in vvith the shore againe, vve discried an other tall ship of twelue score tunnes or ther-

aboutes, vpon vvhom Maister Garleill the Lieuetenant generall being in the Tygar, vnderooke the chase, vvhome also anon after the Admirall followved, and the Tygar hauing caused the saide straunge shippe to strike her sayles, kept her there without suffering anye bodie to goe aboorde vntill the Admirall vvas come vp : vvhoforthwith sending for the Maister, and diuerse others of their principall men, and causing them to be seuerally examined, found the Shippe and goodes to be belonging to the inhabitantes of Saint SEBASTIAN in Spaine, but the Mariners to bee for the most parte belonging to Saint IOHN de LVCE, and the Passage. In this ship was greate store of dry Nevvland fish, commonly called vvith vs Poore Iohn, vvhereof after vvards (being thus found a layvfull prize) there vvas distribution made into all the shippes of the Fleete, the same being so new and good, as it did verie greatly bestead vs in the whole course of our voyage. A day or two after the taking of this ship, vve put in within the Isles of BAYON, for lacke of fauourable vvind, where we had no sooner anckered some part of the Fleete, but the Generall commaunded all the Pinna-ces with the ship boates to be manned, and euerye man to be furnished with such armes as vvas needefull for that present seruice; vvich being done, the Generall put himselfe into his Galley, vvich was also well furnished, and rowing towards the Citie of BAYON; with intent, and the fauour of the Almighty to surprise it. Before we had aduanced one halfe league of our way, there came a messenger beeing an English Marchant from the Gouvernour, to see what straunge Fleete we were, who came to our Generall, and conferred a while with him, and after a small time spent, our Generall called for Captaine Sampson, and willed him to goe to to the Gouvernour of the Cittie, to resoluie him of two pointes. The first, to knowe if there were any warres betweene Spaine and England. The second, vvhy our Merchantes with their goodes were imbarred or arrested. Thus departed Captaine Sampson with the saide Messenger to the citie

Citie, vvhether he found the Gouvernour and people much amazed of such a suddaine accident.

The Generall with the aduice and counsell of Maister Carliell his Lieutenent generall, who was in the Galley with him, thought not good to make any stand, till such time as they were within the shot of the Citie, wher they might be ready vpon the returne of Captaine Sampson, to make a suddaine attempt if cause did require before it were darke.

Captaine Sampson returned with his message in this sort. First, touching peace or warres the Gouvernour said he knewe of no warres, and that it lay not in him to make any, he being someane a subiect as hee vvas. And as for the stay of the Marchantes with their goodes, it vvas the Kinges pleasure, but not with intent to endommage any man. And that the Kinges conter commaundement vvas (vvhich had bene receiued in that place some seauennight before) that English Marchants vvith their goods should be discharged: for the more verifying vvhereof, he sent such Marchants as vv ere in the towne of our Nation, who traffiqued those parts: vv hich being at large declared to our generall by them, counsell vvas taken vv hat myght best be done. And for that the night approched, it vvas thought needefull to land our force, vv hich vvas done in the shutting vp of the day, and hauing quartered our selues to our most aduantage, vv yth sufficient gard vpon euery straight, vve thought to rest our selues for that night there. The Gouvernour sent vs some refreshing, as bread, vv ine, oyle, apples, grapes, marmalad and such lyke. About midnight the vv eather beginnes to ouercast, inso-much that it vvas thought meeter to repaire aboard, then to make any longer abode on land, and before vve could recouer the Fleete, a great tempest arose, vv hich caused many of our ships to driue from their anker hold, and some vv ere forced to sea in great perill, as the barke Talbot,

the barke Hawkins, and the Speedewell, vvhich Speedewell onely vvas driuen into England, the others recouered vs againe, the extremitie of the storme lasted three dayes, vvhich no sooner beganne to asswage, but Maister Carleill our Lieutenant generall, vvas sent vvith his ovne ship and three others: as also vvith the galley and vvith dyuers Pinnaces, to see vvhat he might do aboute V I G O, vvhere he tooke many boates and some Caruels, diuersly laden vvith thinges of small value, but chiefly vvith household stuffe, running into the high countrey, and amongst the rest, he found one boate laden vvith the principal Church stuffe of the high Church of V I G O, vvhere also vvas their great Crosse of siluer, of very fayre embossed vvorke, and double gilt all ouer, hauing cost them a great masse of money. They complayned to haue lost in all kind of goods aboute thirtie thousand Duckets in this place.

The next day the General vvith his vvhole Fleete vvent vp from the Isles of BAYON, to a very good harbour aboute V I G O, vvhere Maister Carleill stayd his comming, asvvell for the more quiet riding of his ships, as also for the good commoditie of fresh vvater, vvhich the place there did asoord full vvell. In the meane time the Gouvernour of GALLISIA had reared such forces as he might, his numbers by estimate vvere some two thousand foot, and three hundred horse, and marched from BAYON to this part of the countrey, vvhich lay in sight of our Fleete, vvhere making stand, he sent to parle vvith our General, vvhich vvas graunted by our General, so it might be in boates vpon the vvater: and for safetie of their persons, there vvere pledges deliuered on both sides, vvhich done, the Gouvernour of GALLISIA put him selfe vvith two others into our Vice-Admirals Skiffe, the same hauing bene sent to the shore for him. And in like sort our General in his owne Skiffe, vvhere by them it vvas agreed, vve should furnish our selues vvith fresh vvater, to be
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taken by our owne people quietly on the land, and haue all other such necessaries, paying for the same, as the place vwould affoord.

VWhen all our businesse vvas ended, vve departed, and tooke our vway by the Islands of CANARIA, vvhich are esteemed some three hundred leagues from this part of Spaine, and falling purposely vvith PALMA, vvith intention to haue taken our pleasure of that place, for the full digesting of many thinges into order, and the better furnishing our store vvith such seuerall good thinges as that affoordeth very abundantly, vve vv ere forced by the vile sea gate, vv hich at that present fell out, and by the naughtinesse of the landing place, being but one, and that vnder the fauor of many Platformes, vv ell furnished vv ith great ordinance, to depart vv ith the receipt of many their Canon shot, some into our ships, and some besides, some of them being in very deepe full Canon high. But the onely or chiefe mischiese, vvas the daungerous sea surge, vv hich at shore all alongest, plainly threatned the ouerthrow of as many Pinnaces and boates, as for that time should haue attempted any landing at all.

Novv seeing the expectation of this attempt frustrated by the causes aforesaid, vve thought it meeter to fall vv ith the Isle FERRO, to see if vve could find any better fortune, and comming to the Island, vve landed a thousand men in a valley vnder a high mountaine, vv here we stayed some two or three houres, in which time the inhabitants, accompanied vv ith a yong fellovv borne in England, who dwelt there with them, came vnto vs, shewing their state to be so poore, that they were all readie to starue, which was not vntrue; and therefore without any thing gotten, we were all commaunded presently to imbarke, so as that night we put off to sea South Southeast along towards the coast of Barbarie.

Vpon Saterday in the morning, being the thirteenth of
 Nouem-

Nouember, we fell with Cape Blancke, which is a lowe lande and shallowe water, where wee caught store of fish, and doubling the Cape, we put into the Bay, where wee found certaine French shippes of warre, whom we entertained with great courtesie, & there left them. The after noone the whole Flcete assembled, vvhich was a little scattered about their fishing, and put from thence to the Isles of Cape Verde, sailing till the sixteenth of the same moneth in the morning, on which day we discryed the Island of Saint IAGO, & in the euening we ankered the Fleete betweene the towne called the PLATIE OF PRAIE and Saint IAGO, where we put on shore a thousand men or more, vnder the leading of Maister Christopher Carleill Lieutenent Generall, who directed the seruice most like a wise commander. The place where wee had first to march did afford no good order, for the ground was mountaines and full of dales, being a marueilous stonye and troublesome passage, but such vvas his industrious disposition, as hee woulde neuer leaue, vntill wee had gotten vppe to a faire plaine, vvhether we made stand for the assembling of the armie. And when vve were all gathered together vpon the plaine, some two litle miles from the Towne, the Lieutenant general thought good not to make attempt till day light: because there vvas not one that could serue for guide or giuing knowvledge at all of the place. And therefore after hauing vvell rested, euen halfe an houer before day, he commaunded the Armie to be deuided into three speciall partes, such as he appointed, vvhetheras before vvee had marched by seuerall companies, being thereunto forced by the naughtinesse of the vvay as is aforesaid.

Now by the time we wer thus raunged into a very braue order, daylight began to appeare, and being aduanced hard to the vvall, we saw no enemye to resist, whereupon the Lieutenant generall appointed Captaine Sampson with thirtie shot, and Captaine Barton with other thirtie, to
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goe downe into the towne which stood in the valey vnder vs, and might verie plainly be viewed all ouer from that place where the whole Army vvas now arryued and presently after these Captaines vvas sent the great Ensigne, vvhich had nothing in it but the plaine English crosse, to be placed towardes the Sea, that our fleete might see Saint Georges crosse flourish in the enemies fortresse. Order vvas giuen that all the ordinance throughout the towne, and vpon all the platformes, vvhich vvas aboute fifty peeces al ready charged, should be shot off in honor of the Queenes Maiesties Coronation day, being the seuententh of Nouember, after the yearly custome of England, which was so answered againe by the ordinance out of all the ships in the fleete which novv was come neere, as it was straunge to heare such a thondering noise last so long together. In this meane while the Lieutenant general held still the most part of his force on the hill top, till such time as the towne was quartered out for the lodging of the whole Armie, which being done euery Captaine toke his owne quarter, and in the euening was placed such sufficient gard vpon euerie part of the towne that vve had no cause to feare any present enemy.

Thus we continued in the Citie the space of fourtene daies, taking such spoiles as the place yelded, which were for the most part, wine, oyle, meale, and some such like thinges for victuall, as vineger, oliues, and some such other trash, as marchandise for their Indian trades. But there was not founde any treasure at all, or any thing else of vworth besides.

The scituation of Saint Iago is somewhat strange, in forme like to a triangle, hauing on the East and West sides two Mountaines of Rocke and chiffe, as it were hanging ouer it, vpon the top of which two mountaines was builded certaine fortifications to preserve the towne from any harme that might be offered, as in this Plot

is plainly shewved. From thence: on the South side of the towne is the maine sea, and on the North side, the valley lying betweene the foresayd mountaines, wherein the towne standeth: the said valley and towne both do grow verie narrow, insonmuch that the space betweene the two cliffes of this ende of the towne is estimated not to be aboue tenne or twelue score ouer.

In the middest of the valley commeth dowvne a riuert, rill, or brooke of fresh vvater, which hard by the sea side maketh a pond or poole, vvhereout our ships were vvatered vvith verie great ease and pleasure. Somewhat aboue the Towne on the North side betweene the two mountaines, the valley vvaxeth somewhat larger then at the townes end, vvich valley is vvholie conuerted into gardens and orchardes well replenished vvith diuers sorts of fruiets, herbes and trees, as lymmons, oranges, sugar canes, cochars or cochos nuts, plantens, potato roots, cocumbers, finall and round onions, garlike, and some other things not now remembred, amongst vvich the cochos, nuts and plantens are very pleasant fruiets, the said cochos hauing a hard shell and a greene huske ouer it, as hath our vv Walnut, but it farre exceedeth in greatness, for this cochos in his greene huske is bigger then any mans two fistes, of the hard shell many drinking cups are made here in England, and set in siluer as I haue often scene.

Next within this hard shell is a vvwhite rine resembling in shew verie much even as any thing may do, to the vvwhite of an egge vvhen it is hard boyled. And vvithin this vvwhite of the nut lyeth a vvater, vvich is vvhitish and very cleere, to the quantitie of halfe a pint or thereabouts, vvich vvater and white rine before spoken of, are both of a very coole fresh tast, and as pleasing as any thing may be. I haue heard some hold opinion, that it is very restorative.

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The Planten growveth in cods, somewhat like to beanes, but is bigger and longer, and much more thicke together on the stalke, and vvhhen it waxeth ripe, the meate vvhich filleth the rine of the cod becommeth yellowv, and is exceeding sweet and pleasant.

In this time of our being there, hapned to come a Portingall to the Westermost fort, vwith a flag of truce, to vvhom Captaine Sampson was sent vwith Captaine Goring, vvhoo comuning to the said Messenger, he first asked them vvhath nation they vvere, they answered Englishmen, he then required to knowv if warres vvere betweene England and Spaine, to vvhich they answered that they knew not, but if he would go to their Generall he could best resolue him of such particulars, and for his assurance of passage and repassage, these Captaines made offer to ingage their credits, which he refused for that he vvas not sent from his Gouvernor. Then they told him, if his Gouvernor did desire to take a course for the common benefite of the people and countrie, his best way vvere to come and present him selfe vnto our Noble and mercifull Gouvernor Sir Frances Drake: vvhewhereby he might be assured to finde fauor, both for him selfe and the inhabitants. Otherwise within three dayes vve should march ouer the land, and consume vwith fire all inhabited places, and put to the svword all such liuing soules as vve should chaunce vpon; so thus much he tooke for the conclusion of his answere, and departing, he promised to returne the next day, but vve neuer heard more of him.

Vpon the foure and twentieth of Nouember, the Generall accompanied vwith the Lieutenant generall and fixe hundred men, marched soorth to a village twelue miles vwithin the lande, called S. DOMINGO, vvhether the Gouvernor and the Bishop vwith all the better sort vvere lodged, and by eight of the clocke vve came to it, finding the place abandoned, and the people fled into the

mountaines: so vve made stand a vvhile to ease our selues, and partly to see if any vvould come to speake to vs.

After vve had vvell rested our selues, the Generall commaunded the troupes to march away homewardest, in vvhich retreat the enimie shewed them selues, both horse and foote, though not such force as durst encounter vs: and so in passing some time at the gase vvith them, it vvaxed late and towards night, before vve could recouer home to Saint IAGO.

On Munday the six and twentieth of Nouember, the Generall commaunded all the Pinnaces vvith the boates, to vse all diligence to imbarke the Armes into such ships as euery man belonged. The Lieutenant generall in like sort commaunded Captaine Goring and Lieutenant Tucker, vvith one hundred shot to make a stand in the market place, vntill our forces were wholly imbarked, the Vize-Admiral making stay vvith his Pinnace and certaine boats in the harbour, to bring the said last companie aboard the ships. Also the Generall willed forthvvith the Gallie vvith two Pinnaces to take into them the companie of Captaine Barton, and the companie of Captaine Biggs, vvnder the leading of Captaine Sampson, to seeke out such munition as vvvas hidden in the ground, at the towne of PRAY or PLAY, hauing beene promised to be shewed it by a prisoner, vvhich was taken the day before.

The Captaines aforesaid comming to the PLAY, landed their men, and hauing placed the troupe in their best strength, Captaine Sampson tooke the prisoner, and willed him to shew that he had promised, the vvhich he could not, or at least vvould not: but they searching all suspected places, found two peeces of ordinance, one of yron, an other of brasse. In the after-noonc the Generall anckered the rest of the Fleete before the PLAIE, comming him selfe a shore, vvilling vs to burne the Towne and make all hast a boorde, the vvhich was done by fixe

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of the clocke the same day, and our selues embarked againe the same night, and so we put off to sea Southwest.

But before our departure from the towne of Saint Iago, we established orders for the better gouernment of the Armie, euery man mustered to his Captaine, and others ministred to acknowledge her Maiesttie supream Gouer-nour, as also euery man to doe his vttermoſt endeouor to aduaunce the seruice of the action, and to yeeld due obedience vnto the directions of the General and his officers. By this prouident counsell, and laying downe this good foundation before hand, all things went forward in a due course, to the achieving of our happie enterprise.

In all the time of our being here, neither the Gouer-nour for the King of Spaine, (which is a Portugall) neither the Bishop, whose authoritie is great, neither any of the inhabitants of the towne, or Island euer came at vs (which we expected they should haue done) to intreate vs to leaue them some part of their needfull prouisions, or at the least, to spare the ruining of their towne at our going away. The cause of this their vnreasonable distrust (as I doe take it) was the fresh remembrance of the great wronges they had done to olde Maister William Hayvkins of Plimmouth, in the voyage he made foure or fiue yeares before, when as they did both breake their promise, and murdered many of his men, whereof I iudge you haue vnderstood, and therefore needlesse to be repeated. But since they came not at vs, we left written in sundrie places, as also in the Spitle house, (which building was onely appointed to be spared) the great discontentment and scorne we tooke at this their refraining to come vnto vs, as also at the rude maner of killing, and sauage kinde of handling the dead body of one of our boyes found, by them stragling all alone, from whome they had taken his head and heart, and had stragled the other bowels about the place, in a most brutish and beastly maner.

In reuenge vwhereof at our departing vve consumed vwith fire all the houses, aswell in the countrey vvhich vve saw, as in the towne of S. IAGO.

From hence putting ouer to the West Indies, we vvere not many dayes at sea, but there beganne amongst our people such mortalitie, as in few dayes there vvere dead aboute two or three hundred men. And vntill some seuen or eight dayes after our comming from S. IAGO, there had not died any one man of sicknesse in all the Fleete: the sicknesse sheved not his infection vwherevwith so many vvere stroken, vntill vve vvere departed thence, and then seized our people vwith extreme hote burning and continuall ague, vwhereof some very few escaped vwith life, and yet those for the most part not vwith out great alteration and decay of their vvittes and strength for a long time after. In some that died vvere plainly sheved the small spottes, which are often found vpon those that be infected vwith the plague, vve vvere not aboute eigh-teene daies in passage betvvene the sight of Saint IAGO aforesaid, and the Island of DOMINICA, being the first Islande of the West Indies that vve fell vvithall, the same being inhabited vwith sauage people, vvhich goe all naked, their skin coloured vwith some painting of a reddish tawney, very personable and handsome strong men, vvho doe admit little conuersation vwith the Spaniardes: for as some of our people might vnderstand them, they had a Spaniard or tvvaine prisoners vwith them, neither do I thinke that there is any safetie for any of our nation, or any other to be vvithin the limits of their commaundement, albeit they ysed vs very kindly for those fewe houres of time vvhich vve spent vwith them, helping our folkes to fill and carie on their bare shoulders fresh vvater from the riuer to our ships boates, and fetching from their houses, great store of Tobacco, as also a kinde of bread vvhich they fed on, called Cassado, verie
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white and sauerie, made of the rootes of Cassia. In recompence whereof, wee bestowved liberall revwardes of glasse, coloured beades, and other things, which we had found at Sainct IAGO, vtherewith (as it seemed) they rested verie greatlie satisfied, and shewing some sorrowfull countenance vwhen they perceaued that vve vould depart.

From hence vve went to another Island Westward of it, called Sainct CHRISTOPHERS Island, wherein vvee spent some daies of Christmas, to refresh our sicke people, and to cleanse and ayre our ships. In vvhich Island vvere not any people at all that vve could heare off.

In vvhich time by the Generall it vvas aduised and resolved, vvith the consent of the Lieftenant generall, the Vice-Admirall, and all the rest of the Captaines to proceed to the great Island of HISPANIOLA, as vvell for that we knewe our selues then to bee in our best strength, as also the rather allured thereunto, by the glorious fame of the Citie of S. DOMINGO, being the ancientest and chiefe inhabited place in al the tract of countrey ther aboutes. And so proceeding in this determination, by the vvay vvee met a small Frigor, bound for the same place, the vvhich the Vice-Admirall tooke, and hauing duehe examined the men that vvere in her, there vvas one founde by vvhome vvee vvere aduertised, the hauen to be a barred hauen, and the shore or land thereof to be vvell fortified, hauing a Castle thereupon furnished vvith greate store of Artillerie, vvithout the danger vvhereof, vvas no conuenient landing place vvithin ten English miles of the Citie, to vvich the saide Pilote tooke vpon him to conduct vs.

All things being thus considered on, the vvhole forces vvere commaunded in the euening to embarke themselves into Pinnaces, boates, & other small barks appointed for this seruice. Our souldiers being thus embarked

the Generall put himselfe into the barke Francis as Admirall, and all this night we lay on the sea, bearing small saile vntill our arriuall to the landing place, which vvas about the breaking of the day, and so we landed, being Newyears day, nine or ten miles to the Westwardes of that braue Citie of S. DOMINGO: for at that time nor yet is knowen to vs, any landing place, vvhether the sea surge doth not threaten to ouerfet a Pinnace or boat, Our General hauing seene vs all landed in safetie, returned to his Fleete, bequeathing vs to God, and the good conduct of Maister Carliell our Lieutenant Generall: at which time, being about eight of the clocke, we began to march, and about noone time, or towards one of the clocke we approched the towne, where the Gentlemen and those of the better sort, being some hundred and fiftie braue horses or rather more, began to present themselves, but our small shot plaied vpon them, which were so sustained with good proportion of pikes in all partes, as they finding no part of our troope vnprepared to receiue them (for you must vnderstande they viewed all round about) they were thus driuen to giue vs leaue to proceede towardes the tyyo gates of the towne, vvhich vvere the next to the seavvard. They had manned them both, and planted their ordinance for that present, and sudden alarm vwithout the gate, and also some troopes of small shot in Ambuscado vpon the hievvay side: We deuided our vvhole force, being some thousand or twelue hundred men into tyyo partes, to enterprise both the gates at one instant, the Lieutenant Generall hauing openly vowed to Captaine Powvell (vvhich led the troope that entered the other gate) that vwith Gods good fauour he vwould not rest vntill our meeting in the market place.

Their ordinance had no sooner discharged vpon our neer approach, & made some execution amongst vs, though not much, but the Lieutenant generall began forthvwith to aduance both his voice of encouragement, and pace
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of marching, the first man that was slaine with the ordinance being verie neere vnto himselfe, and thereupon hastened all that he might to keepe them from the seaching of the ordinance. And notwithstanding their Ambuscadoes, we marched or rather ranne so roundly into them as pell mell we entered the gates, and gaue them more care every man to saue himselfe by flight, then reason to stand any longer to their broken fight, we forthwith repaired to the market place, but to be more truly understood a place of verie faire spacious square grounde before the great Church, whether also came as had bene agreed Captaine Povvell with the other troope, which place with some part next vnto it, we strengthened with Barricados, and there as the most conuenient place assured our selues, the Citie being farre to spacious for so small and weary a troope to vndertake to garde. Some what after midnight they vvho had the garde of the Castle, hearing vs busie about the gates of the saide Castle, abandoned the same: some being taken prisoners, and some flying away by the help of boates, to the other side of the haven, & so into the country.

The next day we quartered a little more at large, but not into the halfe part of the towne, and so making substantiall trenches, and planting all the ordinance that ech part was correspondent to other, we held this towne the space of one moneth.

In the vvich time happened some accidents more then are vvell remembered for the present, but amongst other thinges it chanced that the Generall sent on his message to the Spaniardes a negro boy with a flagge of vvwhite, signifying truce, as is the Spaniardes ordinarie manner to doe there, vvhen they approach to speake to vs, vvlich boy unhappily was first met withall, by some of those who had bene belonging as officers for the King in the Spanish Galley, vvich vvith the Towne was lately fallen into our hands,

hands, vvhich without all order or reason, and contrary to that good vsage vvherewith vvee had entertained their messengers, furiously stroke the poore boy through the bodie vvith one of their horsemens stauces, with vvwhich vvound the boy returned to the Generall, and after he had declared the maner of this wrongfull crueltie, died forthvvith in his presence, vvherewith the Generall beeing greatly passioned, commaunded the Prouost martiall, to cause a couple of Friers, then prisoners, to be caried to the same place where the boy was stroken, accompanied with sufficient gard of our soldiers, and there presently to be hanged, dispatching at the same instant another poore prisoner, vvith this reason wherefore this execution vvas done, and vvith this message further, that vntill the partie vvho had thus murdered the Generals messenger, vvere deliuered into our handes, to receaue condigne punishment, there should no day passe, vvherein there should not two prisoners be hanged, vntill they were all consumed vvich vvere in our handes.

Whereupon the day following, he that had bene Captaine of the kinges galley, brought the offender to the townes ende, offering to deliuer him into our handes, but it was thought a more honourable reuenge, to make them there in our sight, to performe the execution them selues, vvich vvas done accordingly.

During our being in this towne, as formerly also at S. Iago there had passed iustice vpon the life of one of our owne companie for an odious matter: so here likewise was there an Irish man hanged, for the murdering of his Corporall.

In this time also passed manie treaties betweene their Commissioners and vs, for ransome of their Citie, but vpon disagreements, we still spent the early mornings in firing the outmost houses: but they being built verie magnificently of stone, vvith high loftes, gaue vs no small trauell to ruine them, And albeit for diuers daies together,

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we ordained eche morning by day breake, vntill the heat began at nine of the clocke, that two hundred Mariners did nought else but labour to fier and burne the said houses vwithout our trenches, vvhilest the souldiers in a like proportion stood soorth for their gard: yet did we not or could not in this time consume so much as one third part of the towne, vvhich Towne is here plainly described and set forth in this Map. And so in the end, what wearied with firing, and vvhathastened by some other respects, we were contented to accept of fise and twentie thousand Duc-kets, of fise shillings sixe pence the peece, for the ranome of the rest of the towne,

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Amongst other things which happened and were found at S. DOMINGO, I may not omit to let the world know one very notable marke and token, of the vnsatiable ambition of the Spanish king & his nation, vvhich was found in the kings house, vvherein the chiefe Gouvernor of that Citie and countrey is appointed alwaies to lodge, vvhich vvas this: In the comming to the hall or other romes of this house, you must first ascend vp by a faire large paire of staires, at the head of vvhich staires is a handsome spacious place to vvalke in, somewhat like vnto a gallerie, vvherein vpon one of the vvals, right ouer against you as you enter the said place, so as your eye can not escape the sight of it, there is described and painted in a very large Scutchion, the armes of the king of Spaine, and in the lower part of the said Scutchion, there is likewise described a globe, containing in it the whole circuite of the sea and the earth, vvhereupon is a horse standing on his hinder part vwithin the globe, and the other fore part vwithout the globe, lifted vp as it vvere to leape, vwith a scroll painted in his mouth, vvherein vvas written these vvordes in Latin *Non sufficit orbis*: which is as much to say, as the world suffiseth not, vvhereof the meaning vvas required to be knowen of some of those of the better sort, that came in

commission to treat vpon the rancome of the towne, who would shake their heades, and turne aside their countenance in some smyling sort, without answering any thing, as greatly ashamed thereof. For by some of our companie it vvas told them, that if the Queene of England vwould resolutely prosecute the warres against the Kinge of Spaine, he should be forced to lay aside that proude and vnrasonable reaching vaine of his, for he should finde more then inough to do, to keepe that vvhich he had alreadye, as by the present example of their lost towne they might for a beginning perceaue vvell inough.

Now to the satisfying of some men, who marvel greatly that such a famous and goodly builded Citie so vvell inhabited of gallant people, very brauely apparelled (vwhereof our souldiers found good store for their reliefe) should asoord no greater riches then vvas found there, vvherein it is to be vnderstood that the Indian people, which were the naturals of this vvhole Island of HISPANIOLA (the same being neare hand as great as England) were many yeares since cleane consumed by the tyrannie of the Spaniards, vvhich vvas cause, that for lacke of people to vvorke in the Mines, the gold and siluer Mines of this Island are vvholly giuen ouer, and thereby they are faine in this Island to vie copper money, whereof vvas found verie great quantitie. The chiefe trade of this place consisteth of Sugar and Ginger, which groweth in the Island, and of hides of oxen and kine, vvhich in this wast countrey of the Island are bred in infinite numbers, the soile being verie fertile: and the said beasts are fed vp to a verie large growth, and so killed for nothing so much, as for their hides aforesaid. Wee found here great store of strong wine, sweete oyle, vineger, oliues, and other such like prouisions, as excellent vvheate meale packed vp in wine pipes and other caske, and other commodities likewise, as vvollen and linnen cloth, and some filkes, all which
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provisions are brought out of Spaine & serued vs for great reliefe. There vvas but a little plate or vessell of Siluer, in comparison of the great pride in other thinges of this towne, because in these hote countreyes they vse much of these earthen dishes finely painted or varnished, which they call *Parcellina*, and is had out of the East India, and for their drinking, they vse glasses altogether, whereof they make excellent good and faire in the same place. But yet some plate we founde, and many other good thinges, as theyr hosholde garniture very gallant and rich, which had cost them deere, although vnto vs they were of small importance.

From S. DOMINGO we put ouer to the maine or firme land, and going all alongest the coast, we came at the last in sight of CARTAGENA, standing vpon the sea side so neare as some of our barks in passing alongest, approched vvithin the reach of their Culuerin shot, vvwhich they had planted vpon certaine *palformes*. The harbour mouth lay some three miles tovvard the Westvvard of the towne, vvhereinto we entered about three or foure of the clocke in the afternoone vvithout any resistance, of ordinaunce, or other impeachment planted vpon the same. In the euening we put our selues on land tovvardes the harbour mouth, vnder the leading of Maister Carleill our Lieftenant generall, vvho after he had digested vs to march forward about the midnight, as easily as foote might fall, expresslye commaunding to keepe close by the sea vvash of the shore for our best and surest vvay, whereby we were like to goe through, and not to misse anye more of the vvay, vvwhich once we had lost within an hower after our first beginning to march, through the slender knowledge of him that tooke vpon him to be our guide, whereby the night spent on, vvwhich otherwise must haue bene done by resting. But as we came vvithin some two miles of the towne, their horsemen vvwhich were some hundred, met vs,

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and taking the alarm, retired to their towneward again vpon the first volley of our shot that was giuen them: for the place where vve encountred being vwoody and bushie euen to the water side, was vnmeet for their seruice.

At this instant vve might heare some peeces of artillerie discharged, with diuers small shot tovvardes the harbour, which gaue vs to vnderstand, according to the order set downe in the euening before by our Generall, that the Vice-Admirall accompanied with Captaine Venner, Captaine White, and Captaine Crosse, vvith other sea captaines, and vvith diuers Pinnaces and boates should giue some attempt vnto the litle fort standing on the entrie of the inner hauen, neere adioining to the tovvne, though to small purpose, for that the place vvvas stronge, and the entrie verie narrowve vvvas chained ouer: so as there could be nothing gotten by the attempt, more then the giuing of them an Alarm on that other side of the hauen being a mile and a halfe from the place where vve now were. In which attempt the Vice-Admirall had the rudder of his Skiffe stroken through with a Saker shot, and litle or no harme receaued else where.

The troopes being nowve in their march, halfe a myle behither the tovvne or lisse, the ground we were on grew to be straight, and not aboue fiftie paces ouer, hauing the maine sea on the side of it, and the harbour water or inner sea (as you may tearme it) on the other side, vvwhich in this plot is plainly shewed. This straight was fortified cleane ouer with a stone vvall and a ditch without it, the side wall being as orderly built vvith flanking in euery part, as can be set dovvne. There vvvas onely so much of this straight vvvalled, as might serue for the issuing of the horsemen, or the passing of carriage in time of neede: but this vvvalled part vvvas not vvithout a very good Barri-cado of vvine butts or pipes, filled vvith earth, ful and thicke as they might stand on end one by another, some part of them.

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This place of strength vvas furnished of fixe great peeces, demi-Culuerins, and Sakers, vvhich shot directlie in front vpon vs as vve approached. Nowe vvithout this vval vpon the inner side of the streight, they had brought likewise tvvo great Gallies vvith their proyyesse to the shore, hauing planted in them eleuen peeces of ordinance vvhich did beate all crosse the straight, and flanked our comming on. In these tvvo Gallies vvere planted three or foure hundred small shot, and on the land in the garde onely of thys place, three hundred shot and pikes.

They in this their full readinesse to receiue vs, spared not their shot both great and small. But our Lieftenant generall, taking the aduantage of the darke (the day light as yet not broken out) approached by the lowvest ground, according to the expresse direction vvhich himselfe hadde formerlie giuen, the same being the sea vvash shore, vvhere the vvater vvvas somevvhat fallen, so as most of all their shot vvvas in vaine. Our Lieftenant generall commaunded our shot to forbear shooting vntill vvee vvere come to the vvall side, and so vvith pikes roundlie together vve approached the place, vvhere vve soone found out the Barricadoes of pipes or buts, to be the meetest place for our assault, vvhich notwithstanding it vvvas vvell furnished vvith pikes and shot, vvvas vvithout staying attempted by vs: dovvn vvent the buts of earth, and pell mell came our svvordes and pikes together, after our shot had first giuen their volley, euen at the enemies nose. Our pikes vvere somevvhat longer then theirs, and our bodies better armed, for very fewe of them vvere armed, vvith vvvhich aduantage our svvordes and pikes grevv to hard for them, and they driuen to giue place. In this furious entrie, the Lieutenant generall slue vvith his ovvne hands, the chiefe Ensigne bearer of the Spaniards, vvho fought verie manfullie to his lues end.

We followed into the towne vvith them, and giuing them no leasure to breath, vve vvanne the Market place; albeit they made head, and fought a while before vv e got it, and so vve being once seized and assured of that, they were content to suffer vs to lodge vvithin their towne, and themselues to goe to their vvives, vvhome they had caried into other places of the countrey before our coming thither.

At euerie streetes end they had raised verie fine Barri- cadoes of earth workes, vvith trenches without them, as well made as euer vve sawe any vvorke done: at the en- tring whereof vv as some litle resistance, but soone over- come, it vv as vvith fewe slaine or hurt. They had ioyn- ed vvith them many Indians, vvhome they had placed in corners of aduantage, all bove men, vvith their Ar- rowes most villanously empoisoned, so as if they did but breake the skinne, the partie so touched died vvithout great marueill: some they sleve of our people with their arrowes, some they likevvise mischieued to death vvith certaine prickes of small stickes sharply pointed, of a foot and a halfe long, the one end put into the ground, the o- ther empoisoned; sticking fast vp, right against our com- ming in the vvay, as we should approch from our landing tovvardes the towne, vvhereof they had planted a vvon- derfull number in the ordinarie way, but our keeping the sea vvash shore, missed the greatest part of them verie happilie.

To ouerpasse many particular matters, as the hurting- of Captaine Sampson at svvord blowes in the first en- tring, vnto vvhom was committed the charge of the pikes of the Vantgard by his lot and turne, as also of the taking of Alonso Brauo the chiefe commaunder of that place by Captaine Goring, after the said Captaine had first hurt him vvith his sword, vnto vvich Captaine vv as committed the charge of the shot of the said Vantgard.

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Captaine Winter was likewise by his turne of the Vantgard in this attempt, vvhich also the Lieſetenant generall marched himſelfe, the ſaide Captaine Winter through a great deſire to ſerue by land, hauing nowe exchanged his charge by ſea with Captaine Cecill for his band of footemen.

Captaine Powvell the Sergeant maior hadde by hys turne; the charge of the foure companies vvich made the battaile.

Captaine Morgan, who at S. DOMINGO was of the Vantgard, had now by turne his charge vpon the companies of the Riergard.

Euerie man aſvvell of one part as of another, came ſo vvillinglie on to the ſeruice, as the enemye vvvas not able to endure the furie of ſuch hore aſſault.

We ſtaied here ſixe weekes, and the ſickneſſe with mortalitie before ſpoken off, ſtill continuing among vs, though not vvith the ſame fury as at the firſt, and ſuch as were touched vvith the ſaid ſickneſſe, eſcaping death, very ſeu or almoſt none could recouer their ſtrength, yea many of them vvvere much decayed in their memorie: inſomuch that it vvvas growen an ordinarie iudgement, when one was heard to ſpeake fooliſhlie, to ſay he had bene ſicke of the Calentour, vvwhich is the Spaniſh name of their burning Ague: for as I tolde you before, it is a very burning and peſtilent ague. The originall cauſe thereof, is imputed to the evening or firſt night aire, vvwhich they tearme *La ſerena*, vvherin they ſay and holde very firme opinion, that who ſo is then obroad in the open aire, ſhall certainly be infected to the death, not being of the Indian or naturall race of thoſe countrey people: by holding their watch, vvvere thus ſubiected to the infectious ayre, vvwhich at Sainſt IAGO vvvas moſt dangerous and deadly of al other places.

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were forced to giue ouer our intended enterprife, to goe with *NOMBRE DE DIOS*, and so ouerland to *PANNA-MA*, vvhether we should haue stroken the stroke for the treasure, and full recompence of our tedious trauailes. And thus at *CARTAGENA* we tooke our first resolution to returne homewards.

But vvhile we were yet there, it happened one day, that our vwatch called the Sentinell, vpon the Church steeple, had discovered in the sea a couple of small barkes or boates, making in with the harbour of *CARTAGENA*, whereupon Captaine Moone and Captaine Varney, vvith Iohn Grant the Maister of the Tyger, and some other sea men, embarqued themselves in a couple of small Pinnaces, to take them before they should come nigh the shore, at the mouth of the harbour, least by some stragling Spaniards from the land, they might be vvarned by signes from comming in, which fel out accordingly, notwithstanding all the diligence that our men coude vse: for the Spanish boates, vpon the sight of our Pinnaces comming tovvardes them, ran themselves a shore, and so their men presently hid themselves in bushes hard by the sea side, amongst some others that had called them by signes thither. Our men presently vvithout any due regard had to the qualitie of the place, and seeing no man of the Spaniards to shew themselves, aboarded the Spanish barkes or boates, and so standing all open in them, were suddenly shot at by a troope of Spaniards out of the bushes, by vvhich volley of shot there were slaine Captaine Varney, vvhich died presently, and Captaine Moone, vvho died some seve dayes after, besides some foure or fve others that were hurt: and so our folkes returned without their purpose, not hauing any sufficient number of souldiers, vvith them to fight on shore. For those men they carried were all marriners to rowe, seve of them armed, because they made account with their ordinance to haue
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taken the barkes vuell enough at sea, which they might full easily haue done, without any losse at all, if they had come in time to the harbour mouth, before the Spaniards boats had gotton so neare the shore.

During our abode in this place, as also at S. DOMINGO, there passed diuerse curtesies betweene vs and the Spaniards, as feasting, and vsing them with all kindnes, and fauour: so as amongst others there came to see the Generall, the Gouvernor of *Cartagena*, vvith the Bishop of the same, and diuerse of other Gentlemen of the better sort.

This towne of *Cartagena* wee touched in the out parts, and consumed much vvith fire, as we had done Sainct DOMINGO vpon discontentmentes, and for want of agreeing with vs in their first treaties touching their ransome, which at the last vvas concluded betweene vs, should be a hundred and ten thousand Duckettes for that which vvas yet standing, the Ducket valued at fise shillings sixe pence sterling.

This towne though not halfe so big as S. DOMINGO, giues as you see, a farre greater ransome, being in verie deece of farre more importance, by reason of the excellencie of the harbour, and the situation thereof, to serue the trade of NOMBRE DE DIOS and other places, and is inhabited with farre more richer merchantes. The other is chiefly inhabited with Lawyers & braue Gentlemen, being the chiefe or highest appeale of their suites in lawe of all the Islandes about it, and of the maine lande coast next vnto it. And it is of no such accompt as CARTAGENA, for these and some other like reasons, which I coulde giue you, ouer long to be novv vvritten.

The vvarning which this tovvne receaued of our coming tovvardes them, from S. DOMINGO, by the space of twentie daies before our arriuall hither, was cause that they had both fortified and euery vvay prepared for their

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best defence. As also that they had caried and conuayed away all their treasure and principall substance.

The ranfome of an hundred and tenne thousand Duckets thus concluded on, as is aforesaid, the same being written, and expressing for nothing more then the tovvne of CARTAGENA, vpon the payment of the said ranfome, we left the said tovvne, and drevv some part of our souldiers into the Priorie or Abbey, standing a quarter of an English mile belovv the tovvne vpon the harbour water side, the same being vvalled vvith a wall of stone, vvich vve told the Spaniards vv as yet ours, and not redeemed by their composition; vvhereupon they finding the defect of their contract, vv ere contented to enter into another ranfome for all places, but specially for the said house, as also the blocke house or Castle, vvich is vpon the mouth of the inner harbour. And vvhen vve asked as much for the one as for the other, they yelded to giue a thousand Crownes for the Abbey, leauing vs to take our pleasure vpon the blocke house, vvich they said they vv ere not able to ranfome, hauing stretched them selues to the vtermost of their powers: and therefore the said blocke house vv as by vs vndermined, and so vvith gunne powder blowen vp in peeces.

While this latter contract vv as in making, our whole Fleete of ships fell dovvne towardes the harbour mouth, vvhere they ankered the third time, and employed their men in fetching of fresh vvater, aboard the ships for our voiage homewardes, which vvater vv as had in a great vvell, that is in the Island by the harbour mouth, which Island is a verie pleasant place as hath bene seene, hauing in it many sortes of goodly and verie pleasant fruiets, as the orange trees and others, being set orderly in walkes of great length together. Insomuch as the vvhole Island being some two or three miles about, is cast into groundes of gardening and orchards.

After

ranfome
Abbey

by gunpowder

After sixe weeke abode in this place, vve put to sea the last of March, where after two or three dayes a great ship vvhich vve had taken at S. DOMINGO, and thereupon vvas called the New yeares gift, fell into a great leake, being laden with ordinance, hides, and other spoiles; and in the night shee lost the companie of our Fleete, vvhich being missed the next morning by the Generall, he cast about vvith the whole Fleete, fearing some great mischance to be happened vnto her, as in verie deepe it so fell out, for her leake vvas so great, and her men were all tyred vvith pumping, But at the last hauing found her and the Barke Talbot in her companie, vvhich staid by great hap vvith her, vvas readie to take their men out of her, for the sauing of them. And so the Generall being fully aduertised of their great extremitie, made saile directlie backe againe to CARTAGENA with the vvhole Fleete, where hauing staid eight or tenne daies more, about the vnlading of this ship, and the bestovving thereof and her men, into other ships, vve departed once againe to sea, directing out course towards the Cape S. ANTHONIE, being the Eastermost part of CUBA, vvwhether vve arriued the seuen and twentieth of Aprill. But because fresh vvater could not presently be found, we weyed anker and departed, thinking in few daies to recouer the MATTANCES, a place to the Eastward of HAVANA.

After we had sailed some fourteene dayes, we vvhere brought to Cape S. ANTHONIE againe, thorough lacke offauorable winde: but then our scarcety vvas growen such, as neede made vs looke a litle better for vvater, vvhich vve found in sufficient quantitie, being in deepe, as I iudge, none other then raine vvater nevvely fallen, and gathered vp by making pittes in a plot of marriish ground, some three hundred pases from the sea side.

I do vvrong if I should forget the good example of the Generall at this place, vvho to encourage others, and to

hasten the getting of fresh vyater aboard the ships, tooke no lesse paine him selfe then the meanest, as also at S. DOMINGO, CARTAGENA, and all other places, hauing alwayes so vigilant a care and foresight in the good ordering of his Fleete, accompanying them, as it is said, with such vvonderfull trauell of bodie, as doubtlesse had he bene the meanest person, as he vvas the chiefeest, he had yet deserved the first place of honour: and no lesse happie do we accompt him, for being associated with Maister Carleill his Lieutenant generall, by whose experience, prudent counsell, and gallant performance, he atchiued so many and happie enterprises of the warre, by vvhom also he was verie greatly assisted, in setting downe the needefull orders, lawes, and course of iustice, and for the due administration of the same vpon all occasions.

After three daies spent in watering our ships, vve departed now the second time from this Cape of S. ANTHONIE the thirteenth of May, and proceeding about the Cape of FLORIDA, we neuer touched anie where, but coasting alongst FLORIDA, and keeping the shore still in sight, the eight and twentieth of May early in the morning, vve descried on the shore a place built like a Beacon, vvhich vvas in deede a scaffold vpon fowre long mastes, raised on end for men to discouer to the seaward, being in the latitude of thirtie degrees, or verie neare thereunto. Our Pinnaces manned, and comming to the shore, we marched vp alongst the riuer side, to see vvhat place the enemy held there: for none amongst vs had any knowledge thereof at all.

Here the Generall tooke occasion to march vvith the companies him selfe in person, the Lieutenant generall hauing the Vantgard, and going a mile vp or somewhat more by the riuer side, vve might discerne on the other side of the riuer ouer against vs, a fort, which newly had bene built by the Spaniards, and some mile or there about

about the fort, vvas a litle towne or village without walls, built of vwoodden houses, , as this Plot here doth plainlie shewv : we forthwith prepared to haue ordinance for the batterie, and one peece vvas a litle before the euening planted, and the first shot being made by the Lieutenant generall him selfe at their Ensigne, strake through the Ensigne, as vve afterwarde vnderstood by a French man, vvwhich came vnto vs from them. One shot more vvas then made, vvwhich strake the foote of the fort vvall, vvwhich vvas all massiue timber of great trees like Mastes. The Lieutenant generall vvas determined to passe the riuier this night vvith fovvre companies, and there to lodge him selfe intrenched as neare the fort, as that he might play vvith his muskets and smallest shot vpon any that should appeare : and so afterwarde to bring and plant the batterie vvith him, but the helpe of mariners for that sudden to make trenches could not be had, vvwhich vvas the cause that this determination vvas remitted vtill the next night.

In the night the Lieutenant generall tooke a litle rowing Skiffe, and halfe a dozen vvell armed, as Captaine Morgan, and Captaine Sampson, vvith some others besides the rowers, and went to view vvhat gard the enemie kept, as also to take knowledge of the ground. And albeit he went as covertly as might be, yet the enemie taking the *Alarm*, grevv fearefull that the whole Force was approaching to the assault, and therefore vvith all speede abandoned the place after the shooting of some of their peecees. They thus gone, and he being returned vnto vs againe, but nothing knowing of their flight from their fort, forthwith came a French man being a Phipher (who had bene prisoner vvith them) in a litle boate, playing on his phiph the tune of the Prince of Orenge his song, and beeing called vnto by the gard, he tolde them before he put foote out of the boate. vvhat he vvas him

selfe, and howv the Spaniardes were gone from the fort, offering either to remaine in handes there, or els to returne to the place with them that vvould goe.

Vpon this intelligence the Generall, the Liestenant generall, vvith some of the Captaines in one Skiffe, and the Vice-Admirall vvith some others in his Skiffe, and tvvo or three Pinnaces furnished of souldiours vvith them, put presently ouer towvards the fort, giuing order for the rest of the Pinnaces to followve. And in our approach, some of the enemye bolder then the rest, hauing stayed behinde their companie, shot off tvvo peeces of ordinance at vs: but on shore we vvvent, and entered the place without finding any man there.

When the day appeared, we found it built all of timber, the walles being none other but whole mastes or bodies of trees set vppe right and close together in manner of a pale, vvithout any ditch as yet made, but who intended with some more time, for they had not as yet finished all their worke, hauing begun the same some three or foure monethes before: so as to say the trueth, they had no reason to keepe it, being subiect both to fire and easie assault.

The platforme vvhereon the ordinance lay, vvvas whole bodies of long Pine trees, whereof there is great plentie, layed a crosse one on another, and some litle earth amongst. There vvvas in it thirteene or foureene greate peeces of brasle ordinance, and a chest vnbroken vp, hauing in it the value of some two thousande poundes sterling, by estimation of the kinges treasure, to pay the souldiers of that place vvho vvcre a hundred and fiftie men.

The fort thus vvonne, vvwhich they called S. Iohn fort, and the day opened, vve assayed to go to the towne, but could not by reason of some ryuers and broken ground vvwhich was betweene the two places: and therefore enforced to imbarke againe into our Pinnaces, vve vvvent thither

thither vpon the great maine riuer, which is called as also the Tovvne by the name of S. AVGVSTINE.

At our approaching to land, there vvas some that began to shevve themselves, and to bestovve some fevv shot vpon vs, but presently vvithdrew themselves. And in their running thus avvay, the Sergeant Maior finding one of their horses readie saddled and bridled, tooke the same to followv the chase, and so ouergoing all his companie, vvas (by one laied behind a bush) shot through the head, and falling dovvn therevvith, vvas by the same and tvvo or three more, stabbed in three or foure places of his bodie vvith swords and daggers, before any could come neer to his reskue. His death vvas much lamented, being in very deed an honest vvise Gentleman, and a souldier of good experience, and of as great courage as any man might be.

In this place called S. AVGVSTINE, vve vnderstoode the King did keepe as is before saide, one hundred and fifty souldiers, and at another place some dozen leagues beyond to the Northvvards, called S. HELENA, he did there likewise keepe an hundred and fifty more, scrving there for no other purpose, then to keepe all other nations from inhabiting any part of al that coast, the gouernement vvherof vvas committed to one Pedro Melendez Marqueffe, Nephewv to that Melendez the Admirall, vvho had overthrowen Maister Iohn Havvkins in the Bay of MEXICO some fiftene or sixteene yeares agoe. This Gouvernour had charge of both places, but vvas at this time in this place, and one of the first that left the same.

Here it vvas resolved in full assembly of Captaines, to vnder take the enterprise of S HELENA, and from thence to seeke out the inhabitation of our English countrey men in VIRGINIA, distant from thence some sixe degrees Northvvard.

When we came thvvart of Sainct Helena the shols appearing dangerous, and we hauing no Pilot to vnder take

the entrie, it was thought meetest to goe hence alongst. For the Admiral had bene the same night in foure sadome and a halfe three leagues from the shore: and yet we vnderstood by the help of a knowne Pilot, there may and doeth goe in ships of greater burthen and draught then any wee had in our Fleete,

Wee passed thus alongst the coast harde aboorde the shore, which is shallowe for a league or tyvo from the shore, and the same is lovve and broken land for the most part.

the Florida
The ninth of Iune vpon sight of one speciall great fire (which are very ordinarie all alongst this coast, euen from the Gape FLORIDA hither) the Generall sent his Skiffe to the shore, where they found some of our English countrey men (that had bene sent thither the yeare before by Sir Walter Raleigh) and brought one aboard, by vvhose direction wee proceeded along to the place, vvhich they make their Port. But some of our shippes becing of great draught vnable to enter, we ankered all without the harbour in a vvilde road at sea, about two miles from shore.

from the
From whence the Generall wrote letters to Maister Ralfe Lane, being Gouvernour of those English in VIRGINIA, and then at his fort about six leagues from the rode in an Island; which they call ROANOAC, wherein is specially he shewed how ready he was to supply his necessities and wants, which he vnderstood of, by those he had first talked with all.

The morrowe after Maister Lane himselfe and some of his companie comming vnto him, with the consent of his Captaineshe gaue them the choice of tyvo offers, that is to say: Either he woulde leaue a ship, a pinnace, and certaine boates with sufficient Maisters and Mariners, together furnished vvith a monethes victuall to stay and make farther discouerie of the countrey and coastes, and so much victuall likewise that might bee sufficient for the bringing of them

them all (being an hundred and three persons) into England if they thought good after such time, with any other thing they vould desire, and that he might be able to spare.

Or else if they thought they had made sufficient discouerie alreadie, and did desire to retorne into England, he would giue them passage. But they as it seemed, being desirous to stay, accepted verie thankfully, and with great gladnesse that which vvas offred first. Whereupon the ship being appointed and receaued into charge, by some of their ovvne companie sent into her by Maister Lane, before they had receaued from the rest of the Fleete, the prouision appointed them, there arose a great storme (vvhich they said vvas extraordinarie and verie strange) that lasted three daies together, and put all our Fleete in great danger, to be driuen from their ankering vpon the coast. For vve brake many Cables, and lost manie Ankers. And some of our Fleete which had lost all (of vvhich number was the ship appointed for Maister Lane and his companie) vvas driuen to put to sea in great danger, in auoyding the coast, and could neuer see vs againe vntill we met in England. Manie also of our small Pinnaces and boates vv ere lost in this storme.

Notwithstanding after all this, the Generall offered them (with consent of his Captaines) another ship with some prouision, although not such a one for their turnes, as might haue bene spared them before, this being vnable to be brought into their harbour. Or else if they vould, to giue them passage into England, although he knew he should performe it vvith greater difficultie then he might haue done before.

But Maister Lane vvith those of the chiefe of his companie he had then with him, considering vvhat should be best for them to doe, made request vnto the Generall vnder their handes, that they might haue passage for England.

land: the vvhich being graunted, and the rest sent for one of the countrey and shipped, we departed from that coast the eighteenth of Iune.

And so God be thanked, both they and we in good safetie arriued at Portesmouth the eight and twentieth of Iuly 1586, to the great glorie of God, and to no small honour to our Prince, our Countrey, and our selues.

The totall value of that which was gotten in this voyage, is estimated at three score thousand pounds, vvhether of the companies vvhich haue trauelled in the voyage wereto haue twentie thousand pounds, the aduenturers the other fortie. Of which twentie thousand pounds (as I can iudge) will redound some fixe pounds to the single share.

We lost some seuen hundred and fiftie men in the voiage.

The men of name that died and were slaine in this voiage as I can presently call to my remembrance, are these.

Captaine Powell.

Captaine Varney.

Captaine Moone.

Captaine Fortescute.

Captaine Bigges.

Captaine Cecill.

Captaine Hannam.

Captaine Greenefield.

Thomas Tucker a Lieutenant.

Alexander Starkey a Lieutenant.

Maister Escot a Lieutenant.

Maister Waterhouse a Lieutenant.

Maister Nicholas Winter.

Maister Alexander Carleill.

Maister Robert Alexander.

Maister Scroope.

Maister James Dier.

Maister Peter Duke.

With

in the
Florida
R. I. 1586
Sunday
the
15th
of
July

With some other, vvho for hast I can not so suddenly thinke on.

The ordinance gotten of all sortes brasse and Iron were about two hundred and fortie, whereof the two hundred and some more were brasse, and were thus founde and gotten.

In S. IAGO some two or three and fiftie peeces.

In S. DOMINGO about foure score, whereof was verie much great ordinance, as vvhole Cannon, Dimi-Cannon, Culuerins, and such like.

In CARTAGENA some sixtie and three peeces, and good stoore likewise of the greater sort.

In the fort of S. AVGVSTINE vv ere fourteene peeces.

The rest vv as Iron ordinance, of vv hich the most part vv as gotten at S. DOMINGO, the rest at CARTAGENA.

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